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Mr. Von Etzdorf, of the German EDC Delegation, came to see me this morning. He has replaced Von Kessel. I had met him previously at Red Dowling's and [redacted] thought him reliable.

At noon the Interim Committee assembled in its accustomed quarters at the Palais de Chaillot. The Chiefs of Delegations signed the Treaty between the U.K. and EDC. Steel also passed around copies of the declaration which will be made to the House of Commons tomorrow by Eden, with strict injunctions about keeping it secret until Eden speaks. This completed action on one of the French conditions precedent to an EDC debate. Unhappily, it all could have been done long ago, as the British have been ready for some weeks with the paper, and the rest of the Governments were prepared to sign and have only been awaiting the decision given in the French Cabinet yesterday which enabled its representative to affix his signature.

I went to the Calvet Restaurant on Boulevard St. Germain and had lunch there with E. and Nancy.

Art Buchwald came to see me this afternoon. I sought his advice about getting my book on sale in some additional places where English language volumes are on display. He arranged for me to talk to Charlie Spann, the Circulation Manager of the Tribune, on this subject, and Spann gave me the addresses of the dealers who distribute literature in the various Army and Air Force news stands in England, France, Germany and elsewhere. I have abandoned hope of the firm of Chaix displaying any initiative in this regard and will see if I can stir up a little interest on my own.

Mr. Hunt came to see me and we talked skulduggery.

Foster Dulles and his party arrived this afternoon and we went to dinner at the Dillons' tonight to meet them. There were Janet and Foster, Walter

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Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, Livie Merchant, Doug MacArthur, the Achilles, Miss Thomas (Janet's secretary and cousin), the Hugheses, the Gruenthers, and Dr. Stinchfield, [redacted] a friend of the Dillons who advises [redacted] him on his post-operative care.

I had a talk with Foster after dinner about Monnet and his loan and also regarding EDC. He asked me to see Mollet and to reassure him about Indo-China in the sense that the United States has no intention of doing anything reckless there, but thinks it advisable to reach an understanding with its partners in order to strengthen the negotiating position of the West at the Geneva Conference. He also asked that I talk to René Mayer and Monsieur Pinay on the same subject.

I spoke to Livie about the future of our mission. He thought it would be appropriate if I were to leave after the French National Assembly had voted, negatively or positively, on the project, and thereafter the mission should remain in existence, possibly reduced [redacted] in size, until the U. S. Government [redacted] decided on the ultimate nature of its representation to six-nation organizations.

Walter Robertson told me of the progress recently made by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, of which, until he went to Washington, he was first Vice President. The President, my old friend Colonel Anderson, died a couple of months ago and has been replaced by Webster Rhoades. The Museum, thanks largely to the generosity of Paul Mellon, [redacted] has now funds to build its new wing.

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